



All of Us CD (April 2005)

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Several years ago, the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities created an Innovative Grant Program to allow for the funding of creative and original ideas that fell outside the scope of the Board's competitive grant award process.

This program, while limited in funding, is designed to fund initiatives that will, through their originality, help create systems change and improve the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

Last year, the Board provided a grant to the Hope House Foundation in Norfolk, Virginia to develop an interactive CD ROM designed to support people with disabilities, their families, policymakers, business leaders and service providers in their challenge of advocating for and achieving full inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in their communities.

The CD ROM was based on the documentary, All of Us, produced by the Hope House Foundation, the School of Communication and the Arts of Regent University, and Third Sector Media of Virginia. The All of Us documentary won a number of awards, including the 2004 Media Award from the American Association of Mental Retardation (AAMR). The CD ROM is an educational and development tool for a variety of audiences that is universal in its application to diverse audiences. This product will enable communities through out Virginia to feature real life stories of individuals with disabilities, as well as reflect the value of inclusion by local community leaders' personal testimony.

The Board is very proud to have supported the creation and distribution of the All of US CD ROM and congratulates Hope House Foundation in the success of this project and the work that it continues to do on behalf of people with developmental disabilities.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the CD ROM, please contact Third Sector Media at 757-583-3555 or service@thirdsectormedia.com or contact Hope House Foundation at 757-625-6161 or www.hope-house.org. More information on the Board's other exciting projects and activities, including our Innovative Grant program, can be found on our website.

